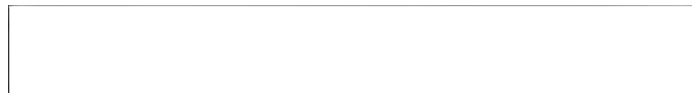




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1. South Vietnam

A major action occurred yesterday in Binh Dinh Province, where government units trying to reopen a major highway clashed with a sizable Viet Cong force, estimated at three companies. Confirmed details are still lacking, but the press says the Viet Cong took heavy losses.

Elsewhere in the countryside, Viet Cong sabotage and harassment continues, at a rate still somewhat below the peak at the end of February.

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No significant political developments have been reported during the past day or so.

2. Indonesia

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celebrations begin in Bandung on 18 April, the tenth anniversary of the first Afro-Asian conference.

Confusing reports continue to come in regarding a prospective clash between Moslem groups and the Communists. Anti-Communist elements in Java appear to be having difficulty getting together. In East Java, Sukarno reportedly plans to order arrests of the more important Moslem anti-Communist leaders.

The Bandung celebrations may not be the propaganda triumph Sukarno is planning.

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3. UAR

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4. Japan

Draft agreements for a treaty with South Korea were initialled over the weekend, after 14 years of off-and-on negotiations. The foreign ministers hope to have a final draft treaty ready for signing before President Pak's trip to Washington next month. Ratification by the two parliaments is unlikely before June.

The agreements include a settlement of Korean property claims, agreement on fishing rights, and arrangements for settling the legal status of the half million Korean residents of Japan.

Meanwhile, in both Seoul and Tokyo, the principal opposition parties are cranking up last-ditch struggles against the settlement. In Seoul, students are said to be planning further demonstrations this week.



5. Sudan

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